

PROTEST AGAINST SHEEP

Ranchers and Cattlemen Want all Land Retained in Prescott Forest.—Fight Made on Theory Rather than Facts.

The Phoenix Gazette has the following to say relative to opening the desert country to grazing now included in the Prescott National Forest:

That the big sheep owners of Northern Arizona have been working quietly but earnestly for several months to have the Agua Fria watershed thrown open for unlimited grazing, is a startling bit of information that has alarmed the farmers of the Buckeye section. Phoenixians who last summer filed on land beyond the Agua Fria, and the cattlemen whose ranges are on the watershed. The farmers of the Salt River valley are also indirectly interested. Prominent sheepmen have gone to Governor Sloan to enlist his aid in their cause but it is understood that the governor has declined to commit himself, stating that he would not be in favor of opening the watershed unless that would benefit more people than it would injure. The sheep interests have also been at work with the officials of the forestry service and have obtained a promise that they will be given an opportunity to present their side of the question.

The fallacy of attempting to maintain the vast desert area of country with a national forest or holding it useless as a nominal watershed has been so clearly proven to the Forest and Reclamation Services that they practically agreed on throwing it open to sheep grazing. In any event this protest comes with poor grace from the ranchers and cattlemen of the south, since thousands of dollars annually are poured into the coffers of Salt River valley by sheepmen who use a vast waste of country unfit for other purposes. They pay taxes in Maricopa and Yavapai counties—money that would never reach them otherwise, and, yet on a mere theory, protest that damage will be done watersheds when it is a well known fact that sheep do not reach that section until after the rainy season when grass comes up, then stay but a few months. The grass dries up and blows away if not eaten consequently it is of no use in the conservation of water.

Buckeye ranchers are over fifty miles from the Yavapai county line and from 65 to 75 miles from the country which the sheepmen asks to be thrown open. The land is entirely in Yavapai county. Many settlers in the vicinity of the lands are in favor of its use by sheep and have signed petitions to that effect. Cattle and sheep have used the ranges in common for years and because of a temporary advantage to a few individuals, desire it withheld from sheep and secure assistance from ranchers away to the south who cannot, according to best authorities on the subject, be affected in the least, but who fear that they might be affected. The sheepmen of the north, as a general rule, are only desirous of securing a square deal, and only in view of the sentiments of the Forest and Reclamation Services asked that they be permitted to use this desert country. A drouth is disastrous to the south and is just as disastrous to the stock interests of the north; when they come both interests are affected—it will always be so, except where the government at the expense of millions of dollars is storing water for the rancher while the sheepman must hustle for his own.

Frog Tanks mentioned in the article have been in the hands of a caretaker for ten or twelve years and so far has benefited no one.

An inhuman rancher near Tucson cut the tongues from four cows belonging to a neighbor for grazing on his pasture.

LANDS OPEN TO ENTRY

Thousands of Acres of Agricultural Lands to be Opened to Entry the First of the Year in Salt River Valley

Register Frank Parker of the Phoenix land office, received from Land Commissioner Dennett of Washington, D. C., an order opening for entry the lands lying north of the Arizona Canal that the department of interior recently announced would be returned.

These lands were withdrawn several months ago by the reclamation service when it was supposed that they might be necessary to carry out the Roosevelt project.

According to the order sent by Commissioner Dennett to the Phoenix land office, the lands will be thrown open to settlement until February 5 following.

According to the conditions, this land can be taken up either under the desert land or the homestead act, and settlers will be permitted to file on as much as 320 acres. The 14-month commutation rule will prevail, and those who prefer to buy the land in that manner will not have to wait the five years otherwise required.

Estimates of the land that has been returned by the government runs as high as 150,000 acres. The area includes Paradise valley, which is considered rich in agricultural possibilities. Experts say that plenty of water can be obtained in wells.

This land will not be irrigated by the Roosevelt dam, which accounts for its being turned back by the government.—Prescott Journal-Miner.

Lodge No. 1174 of Elks was instituted at Clifton last week with 125 charter members.

The Swine or the Flower?

Ah me! I saw a huge and loathsome sty,
Wherein a drove of wallowing swine
were bared,
Whose banquet shocked the nostril and
the eye;
Then spoke a voice, "Behold the source
of lard!"
I fled, and saw a field that seemed at first
One glistening mass of roses pure and
white,
With dewy buds 'mid dark green foliage
nursed;
And, as I lingered o'er the lovely sight,
The summer breeze, that cooled that
Southern scene,
Whispered, "Behold the source of
COTTOLINE!"

Notice.

On and after this date in no case will the scalps of wild animals be accepted for bounty. The whole hide detached from the carcass must be presented at time of filing claim.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Coconino County, Arizona, in regular business session Oct. 11th, 1909.

W. H. SWITZER, Clerk.
Oct. 15—Nov. 5.

Notice For Publication.

U. S. Land office at Phoenix, Ariz., October 8, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that Elijah A. Baker, of Flagstaff, Arizona, who, on June 17, 1908, made Homestead Entry, No. 1764, Serial 04438, for SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 14; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 15; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 22; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 23, Township 23-N., Range 6-E., G. & S. R. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Robert J. Kidd, Probate Judge of Coconino County, Arizona, at his office in Flagstaff, Arizona, on the 22nd day of November, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses:
R. R. Gleason, of Flagstaff, Arizona,
Everett Hanna, of Flagstaff, Arizona,
Peter Michelbach, of Flagstaff, Arizona,
Charles Wolfolk, of Flagstaff, Arizona.

FRANK H. PARKER,
Register.
Oct. 15—Nov. 12.

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